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NSC 1. President Kennedy's October 22 statement received full
INR and sympathetic factual coverage in conservative and nationalist
CIA liberal organs. Other non-Communist newspapers, expected follow
NSA similar line as issues become due 23rd. Only editorial so far
OSD in liberal NOVEDADES emphasizes theme US has reached limit
NAVY endurance and now passing from talking to action stage. General
AIR attitude responsible Nicaraguans reflects mixture great relief
SY US at last acting against threat and apprehension over possibi-
RMR lity world conflagration. Department pass paragraph one USIA
FOR IPS.

2. No overt reaction yet observed in Communist sector.
Rumored however that proposed anti-Communist rallies are to
be attacked by pro-Castro groups with subsequent attempts
on Americans and US property. GON forces alerted to such
possibilities. Embassy has tightened security measures to
safeguard premises.

3. MA conversations indicate General Somoza and other GON
military officers support US program 100 percent but express
concern that something may interfere with complete implemen-
tation such program.

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